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1. FINAL VOTE TOTALS IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL
APPARENTLY NOT BE CHANGED AS RESULT OF ASSEMBLY
DEBATE ON VALIDATION. ACCORDING TO ASSEMBLY ADMINISTRA-
TIVE OFFICER LE CONG THANH, ASSEMBLY WILL SOON ISSUE A
COMMUNIQUE STATING SIMPLY THAT ELECTION OF "MR. NGUYEN
VAN THIEU AND MR. NGUYEN CAO KY" WAS VALIDATED EVENING

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OCT 2. COMMUNIQUE WILL NOT GIVE ANY OFFICIAL
FIGURES.

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2. THANH, WHO DRAFTED ASSEMBLY COMMUNIQUE, BELIEVES THAT SINCE ASSEMBLY DID NOT VOTE ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT REVISED TOTALS OF "REGULAR" AND "IRREGULAR" BALLOTS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE EVENING OCT 2 THOSE FIGURES HAVE NO OFFICIAL STANDING. IN HIS VIEW, OFFICIAL FIGURES REMAIN AS THEY WERE BEFORE ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON VALIDATION.

3. THANH ADDED THAT THERE ARE SOME MINOR DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN FIGURES POSTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPT 5 (REPORTED REF B) AND FINAL REPORTS FROM PROVINCES WHICH ARRIVED LATER. THANH CONSIDERED REVISING SEPT. 5 FIGURES ACCORDINGLY BUT CONCLUDED THAT, SINCE DIFFERENCES ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT, SUCH REVISION WOULD CAUSE MORE SUSPICION AND TROUBLE THAN IT WOULD BE WORTH. HE SPECULATES THAT SOME "OPPOSITION" DEPUTIES MIGHT SEIZE ON REVISION TO PROLONG THEIR PROTESTS.

4. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT NO "OFFICIAL" RESULTS

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OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BE PUBLISHED UNLESS THANH'S COMMUNIQUE, BASED ON HIS INTERPRETATION OF WHAT HAPPENED EVENING OCT 2, IS CHALLENGED BY INFLUENTIAL SEGMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY (WHICH SEEMS UNLIKELY) RESULTS AS POSTED ON SEPT. 5, AND PROVINCIAL TOTALS AS OF THAT DATE, CAN BE CONSIDERED FINAL. WE WILL INFORM DEPT. PROMPTLY SHOULD ANY CHANGE IN FINAL VOTE FIGURES OCCUR.

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